

I tried to give him good advise; he promised to come to services but not yet have we seen him. I got a police to take him home to his mother. Poor mother, undoubtedly she is heart broken over her son. I would that other young men would learn a lesson and profit by this boy's sad experience. Our heart's desire is that all such may be saved.

We feel and appreciate the prayers offered for us all over the brotherhood and you in return are not forgotten by us. Loved ones keep on praying for God's cause here.

SADIE GIBBONS.

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#### WASHINGTON CITY ECHOES

Since the scarlet fever has been tacked up at our door by the Health officer, time has been dragging heavily with us, but we comfort ourselves with the promise, "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord."

Perhaps you have heard of the lady who said, "I am enjoying mighty poor health;" well, that is more than I can say concerning our quarantine. And yet I am thankful it is no worse; so far, but one of our family has taken it,—our little boy, Thoburn. Please pray that it may go no further. It is all about us now and has greatly interfered with attendance at S. S. and meeting. I am glad to say, however, that our regular meetings go on in the absence of the pastor, and interest fairly good, considering all things. I hope soon to be set free again.

But since we have thus been placed under quarantine, I have been impressed that this experience or condition is not without its spiritual counterpart. Since that scarlet placard has gone up we do not have much trouble answering the door bell, and some people act as tho they are afraid to pass on the same side of the street. We frequently hear people speak of "drawing power," applying it to ministers generally. Well, no one can draw, whether in the ministry or not, while displaying one of the placards of Satan, and he never fails to get his disease sign tacked up. Beloved, is our influence repelling? Do we give out an influence that keeps people afraid to draw the door bell of our hearts?

We are to be "unspotted from the world," "without spot or blemish," which means that no placard of the devil shall be found upon us. And this brings to mind an incident of recent occurrence which impressed me very much. A very estimable young lady and one who professes to love the Lord, who has been a regular attendant at our services for a year, or so, a few days ago requested me to hand to a brother a ticket, hoping that he might buy it, (it was for a benevolent (?) purpose, you know,) a "grand entertainment or hop" was to be held, "but," said the young lady, "he can buy the ticket; he need not attend himself, if he does not wish to."

Well, I must confess, I felt not a little confused as I politely declined to act as an agent in the transaction. I did not get time to explain then, and have not had opportunity

since, but again and again have I wondered over the matter and have asked myself the question, "Was it my fault that she should make such a request of me after hearing me preach for so long and knowing the manner of my life, or was it due to some other cause?"

And since then by the use of the Word and in the light of the Holy Spirit I have been examining still more closely to see whether I may still have a placard of the enemy on exhibition.

Beloved brethren, I feel to rejoice more and more to learn thro our dear EVANGELIST and others that as a people we are still making advancement in the great cause. We are not going to say that there is no spiritual declension, no falling away, etc., but we do rejoice to see that there are still very many who are true exponents of the truth as it is in Jesus and who prove by their lives what is so beautifully set forth in the gospel symbols we still celebrate. Praise the Lord. Pray for your unworthy servant in the gospel,

W. M. LYON.

### Church News

#### Johnstown, Ohio

On the second day of coming March, it will be one year since we moved from North Liberty, Knox county, Ohio, to Johnstown, Licking county, Ohio, having traded our stock of merchandise for a farm. While it was very hard and trying to leave our many loved brethren as well as our comfortable home and place of worship it seemed necessary that we sacrifice all these and locate where wider opportunities can be had for our five boys. We are located three and one-half miles North east of Johnstown which is a town of about 600 inhabitants, wide awake in business, and it is said to be second to none in the state in this particular, considering its size.

We are glad to say that while we left many good friends and neighbors we have been very fortunate to find ourselves surrounded by a good class of people, generous and kind hearted. Whilst we are isolated from our people who advocate Bible alone doctrine we are among professors of the Methodist faith, Free Will Baptists, Christians and a few Seven Day Advents.

The Free Will Baptist church is in sight of our home, only a few minutes walk where we have been taking part in Sunday school work and attend church. They number about 30 members and are a zealous hard-working class of church members. While visiting with us in August, we had the privilege of listening to Brother Grisso preach in the Free Will Baptist church. His sermon was a good one, highly spoken of by those brethren and was appreciated by us all. We would be glad to have him come again.

Brother J. L. Kimmel of Buckeye City, O., also gave us a visit on Jan. 21, and stayed with us until the 25. Preached in all five sermons in the same church. As it happen-

ed the Free Will Baptist brethren had their revival in progress and insisted on Brother Kimmel to preach while here with us. He consented but only one sermon at a time. After preaching one sermon the people became aroused and complimented our brother by saying if you have any more like that let us hear them. The word went abroad that a great preacher had come, (as one said a Talmage is here.) The house was filled at these meetings and great interest was manifested. Brother J. L., come again. Now who will come next? Will it be Brother Gnagey or brother J. A. Miller? As you are not so far from here, please remember us during your vacation. We have learned this by our Brethren Grisso and Kimmel coming among us that many inquiries have been made as to who we are and what we believe. Good impressions have already been made, and there is yet room for a Brethren church here. Will you not make an effort to preach for us occasionally, that the people may know that we have good preachers in the Brethren church as well as elsewhere, and that by degrees we may introduce the Bible alone doctrine in this locality where it seems we are not known as a church. May God so lead us by his Holy Spirit and so use us that by our launching out among strangers we may be the means of helping to enlarge the borders of Zion and establish a Brethren church if not now, in the near future. Brethren traveling on the C. A. C., R. R. will stop off at Centerburg, Ohio, and those traveling on T. and O. C., R. R., will stop off at Johnstown, O. Drop us a card and we will meet you.

ISAAC GRUBB.

#### Pleasant Hill, Ohio

We again come with our mite of news for the readers of the EVANGELIST. We closed our protracted meeting at Gretna, Ohio, after almost a three weeks' meeting. The meeting was well attended and interest was good. When we began the Brethren thought there would hardly be any accessions, thought that the meeting would possibly result in building up and strengthening the members, but thanks be unto his name who doeth all things well, before we closed we were made to rejoice on account of the conversion of six precious souls who decided to enter the service of their Master. To me this was the grandest revival that we have had during the four years' work at that place. The Gretna church is growing gradually, but surely it is becoming one of the model churches of the brotherhood. And while we are glad to report six accessions we must say that there were others near the kingdom whom we think will soon unite with us. We came home to enjoy a week's rest to begin our protracted work here. We begin here February 4. We enter upon this work with fond anticipations of a successful meeting. However we will do our part and report the results afterward. Brethren in Christ, pray for the success of the cause at Pleasant Hill. While you are reading this the meeting is in progress. So